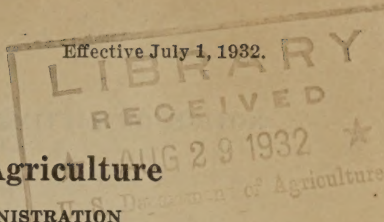


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**AVOCADO FRUIT AND NURSERY STOCK FROM MEXICO
AND THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA BROUGHT
UNDER QUARANTINES 56 AND 37 BY REVOCATION OF
THE AVOCADO FRUIT ORDER AND ITS CONCURRENT
REGULATIONS**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The order covering admission of the avocado or alligator pear under restriction, issued February 27, 1914, effective March 15, 1914, was designed to prevent introduction into the United States of the avocado weevil by means of avocado fruit, from Mexico and the countries of Central America.

There was also issued on the same date, effective that date, February 27, 1914, Notice of Quarantine No. 12 (foreign), avocado-seed quarantine, prohibiting the entry of avocado seed, with the same purpose, and from the same countries.

The above-named order issued under authority of section 5 of the plant quarantine act had the effect of bringing the fruit of the avocado or alligator pear under the provisions of sections 1-4 of the act, under which sections avocado nursery stock, under the terms of the act itself, was already restricted, importation being subject to the rules and regulations for carrying out the plant quarantine act, issued May 26, 1913, and published as Circular 44 of the Office of the Secretary.

In order to provide rules and regulations to govern entry of the newly restricted fruit of the avocado, and the better to regulate the avocado nursery stock already under restriction, there was issued on the same day as the above-mentioned order and quarantine No. 12 and effective that date (February 27, 1914) Regulations Governing the Importation of Avocado Fruit and Nursery Stock into the United States, under the provisions of the order of the Secretary of Agriculture, issued February 27, 1914. These regulations were to be considered and read as a part of the regulations for carrying out the plant quarantine act issued May 26, 1913.

It is to be noted that the nursery stock, plant, and seed quarantine (Notice of Quarantine No. 37, issued November 18, 1918, effective June 1, 1919), and the fruit and vegetable quarantine (Notice of Quarantine No. 56, promulgated August 1, 1923, effective November 1, 1923), did not come into existence for a number of years after the establishment of these restrictions on avocado fruit and the concurrent promulgation of regulations on both this fruit and avocado nursery stock. It may be assumed, therefore, that during this intervening period these restrictive measures served a useful purpose.

However, after some years of experience with the fruit and vegetable quarantine, No. 56, and the nursery-stock quarantine, No. 37, it would appear that these measures have so well proved their worth as a means of protection against injurious foreign insects and diseases, that the maintenance of the special avocado fruit order of 1914 seems unnecessary. The department is convinced that the protection afforded by that order and its regulations can be equally well secured by the provisions of these two quarantines.

It is proposed, therefore, to revoke the avocado-fruit order of February 27, 1914, together with its concurrent regulations, thus allowing the fruit of this tree to revert automatically to the status of other fruits under the fruit and vegetable quarantine, No. 56, while the avocado nursery stock would similarly fall under the provisions of the nursery stock, plant, and seed quarantine, No. 37.

For the present the avocado seed quarantine, No. 12, is being left in effect.

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NOTICE OF LIFTING OF THE AVOCADO FRUIT ORDER AND ITS CONCURRENT REGULATIONS

(Effective on and after July 1, 1932)

I, Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to the provisions of the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912 (37 Stat. 315), do hereby revoke the order of the Secretary of Agriculture, promulgated February 27, 1914, and effective March 15, 1914, covering admission of the fruits of the avocado or alligator pear under restriction, together with the regulations issued thereunder; such revocation to become effective July 1, 1932.

Done at the city of Washington, this 22d day of June, 1932.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States Department of Agriculture.



ARTHUR M. HYDE,
Secretary of Agriculture.